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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held at the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on Friday 20th September, commencing at 7:30 pm. **NOTE: It's the third Friday this month!**

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:**

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**OCTOBER MEETING DATES:**

OSWA Committee 7:30 pm Friday 4th

General Meeting 7:30 pm Friday 25th

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## Birthdays

September: 14th Bob Longmore, Mellida Frost, 18th Ishita Ratnaparkhi, 30th Wanda Frantom

October: 4th, Kristene Northover, 9th Tara Peeters, 11th Enid Chelva, 14<sup>th</sup> Eric Bateman, 16th Barbara Burnett

Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniversaries. To any member on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery & may you soon be well.

## New Members

Welcome to Ling Zhao and Tony Purchase (Willetton). We hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

## Neutrog

**Our next bulk order of Neutrog products will be placed soon.** Any members wishing to purchase Neutrog products should ensure payment & completed forms are sent to Kirsty Bayliss by Friday, 27th September (the Friday *after* our September general meeting). An order form has been sent with this Bulletin. Purchases will be available for collection on Saturday 19th October. See the order form for further information.

## Spring Show

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the show, bring in plants, setting up, looking after the sales table, minding the display and chatting to the public, and packing up at the end. Congratulations to the winners. The Management at the shopping centred were thrilled with the Display. Feedback from the public was excellent -- Ian's *Angraecum sesquipedale* was a favourite.

## Potting Workshop: Sunday 20 October, from 10 am

The workshop will run from 10 am until 4 pm, at Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, 3 Downey Drive, Manning (where we hold our General Meetings). Plants will be potted, there will be sales of orchids and orchid-related paraphernalia, there will be talks, there will be a display, and there will be scones and other snacks.

Contact Kaye (mobile: 0400 205 090) or Courtney (mobile: 0407 049 717) if you can help with repotting or are willing to give a short talk on the day. Plant sales tags will be available at the general meeting. The Potting Workshop is a highlight of the OSWA calendar and is an excellent event for anyone wishing to learn more about potting and other aspects of orchid culture. And members get in for free! And members might get free scones!

*Speakers, potters & helpers needed, as well as plants for the display and for the sales table.*

Setup will be from around 8 am (but to be confirmed at the September General Meeting).

## OSWA Christmas Dinner - Thursday 14 November from 6:30 pm

Our Christmas Dinner this year will be at Bentley Pines, Hayman Road, Bentley. For a three-course meal, the cost is only \$25 per person, payment due by the October general meeting. See the advertisement later in the bulletin for further details.

## It is time to bring the Trophies back!

Could members who are holding the trophies please return them by the October General Meeting, as they need to be engraved during November, before our Christmas Meeting and presentation night. If you wish to polish them, please use Silvo. Thanks to those who have already returned them.

## Plant Sales

There were some hiccups with plant sales at our Spring Show. Members are requested to take special care when filling out plant sales tags and when dropping off plants for sale. Tags must be correctly filled in and plants must be properly checked in when brought in to the sales table. If sales tags do not have the seller's name filled in, the plants will be considered as donations to OSWA and proceeds of sales will be treated accordingly.

### **Packing Up at General Meetings**

One of the conditions of OSWA using the meeting facilities at the Manning Senior Citizen's Activity Centre is that we leave the centre as neat and tidy as we found it. If you aren't in a rush to get home at the end of a general meeting, please assist with moving tables and chairs back into place after the meeting.

### **Trailer Towing**

We occasionally need to transport props for Shows and Displays by trailer. Richard and Merrill are our regular trailer towing crew, but they are sometimes unavailable for the task. If anyone else is able to tow the trailer and is willing to register as a backup for Richard and Merrill, please contact Courtney (mobile: 0407 049 717). The trailer is modern and reliable. The trailer towing person only needs to tow the trailer, usually only for short trips. Other members are always available to do the packing and unpacking of the trailer.

### **Upcoming Orchid Events**

#### **November Display -- Saturday 9 November.**

November is traditionally a slack time for shows, which can be disappointing for all those growers who have special orchids that only flower around that time. This year, we've solved that problem! Will be having a Display, joint with the Cymbidium Orchid Club, on Saturday 9 November at the Manning Senior Citizen's Activity Centre. Setup will be in the evening of Friday 8 November. This will be a Display only, so no plant competition or judging, but there will be plant sales. More info in the October Bulletin.

**Home visit at the Rogasch residence:** Sunday 17th November, from 10 am. Watch this space.

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### **CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019) based on notes from Roy Brown**

We are now entering into the Spring months when we see the majority of our Cymbidiums flowering once again. Also these are the months when the orchid societies hold their annual Spring Shows, so give your plants that are in spike that little extra care and attention, then enter them into the shows so that everyone can enjoy them with you. I should start off this month with a few hints on preparing your plants for exhibition. Firstly, give the pots a good clean up. Next, wipe the leaves over with a clean, damp, soft cloth. Trim the ends of the leaves, some may have dead tips and these can look rather unsightly. Always remember to sterilize the cutting instrument after attending to each plant. Then, probably the most important point, make sure that those plants that need it are properly staked, so presenting their flowers in a proper manner. It doesn't really take long to prepare each plant for a show, but it does make all the difference to the finished product. Finally, on the morning of the day that the Show is to be set up, give your plants a good water as they may have to be on display for 3 or 4 days. You should already be hard at it with dividing and repotting by now, and by doing each plant in turn after it has flowered, it will save a lot of last minute, hurried work at the end of October.

### **CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019) based on notes from Henry Eaton**

With the increase in daylight hours, there is evidence that Spring is here after a winter of cold nights and late winter rains. Your Cattleyas should now be showing signs of recovering from dormancy, by growth buds beginning to enlarge in some and by the appearance of new roots in others. Where you see these signs on plants they provide an indication that those plants are ready to be repotted in new mix if they are growing out of the pot, or if the mix has been there for a long while and is probably going stale and is unlikely to last for another year in good condition. These plants should be inspected to see if they only need transfer to a bigger pot or whether they need to be divided. If division is contemplated, do not go for divisions of less than 4 mature bulbs each. If there appears not to be any new roots on the posterior divisions, the plant could be partially divided at the necessary spot and left for a couple of months to let a new growth appear, when the cut could be completed and the division made. This also reminds me that when thinking of dividing a plant, make sure by removing any old sheaths around it, that there is a viable bud at the point of division. If none is found, do not divide it at that point but seek another spot. When potting on a Cattleya it is worth choosing a mix that will be adaptable to the time you

can give to watering your plants. If frequent watering is possible, a coarser, less absorbent mix can be used, while those people who cannot spare enough time to water the plants should use a smaller sized mix which will hold water for longer. Cattleyas like a wet to nearly dry cycle for best growth. Use a pot size you feel will be adequate to allow at least 2-3 years growth before the need for repotting arises. Do not over-pot. When repotting, hold the plant so that the oldest bulb sits plumb with the back edge of the pot, giving the new growth at least 2 years of growth in front. After filling the pot with your mix, the plant should be anchored firmly enough for you to lift it up by the leaves without separating it from the pot. A stake alongside the foremost growth to which it is tied is also worth considering if there is any doubt about stability. Water the plant well and leave it a shady area of the shadehouse for a couple of weeks before returning it to its normal spot. You can fertilise the plant with something like Seasol or Strikeback before commencing its normal feeding after 3-4 weeks.

### **PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019) by Trevor Burnett**

As I discussed last month you should now be ensuring that, by the end of October, you have completed repotting of the plants that have finished flowering. The plants that did not produce spikes should already have been done. With warmer conditions now gradually becoming the norm during these months, increased attention needs to be given to the watering. As all my plants now have a nice new open mix, I increase my watering programme to once a week, but always in the morning. When you water now, check to ensure that the water freely flows out of the drainage holes at the bottom of the pot. As a lot of us place small crock pieces in the base of the pot, we need to ensure that good drainage is maintained and we have not retarded the water flow with crocking of the pots. With the warmer weather, the fertilizer programme can be increased to weekly or fortnightly with a high Nitrogen based fertilizer to promote good development of the new growths. When repotting plants from the existing pot, carefully extract all the growing mix with your fingers and remove any dead roots. Care must be taken not to damage live roots when repotting as paphiopedilums have a limited root system. Place the plant in the pot, with the base of the plant some 15mm below the rim of the pot, and work the mix in and around the roots. Gently bumping the pot on the bench can also assist in the placement of the mix. On top of the mix I spread a small quantity of crushed sea shells or gravel sand which helps support the plant from moving in the pot, which will cause root damage.

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#### **The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)**

##### **Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on Friday 23 August**

**Welcome:** 7:34 pm.

**Minute's silence:** Judy Kissell, Faye Patfield; thoughts for Gloria Talbot (former member, gravely ill)

**Apologies:** As per register.

**New Members:** Len Atlas.

**Birthdays:** August: 12th Nahiid Stephens, 6th Geoff Braid; 29th Sue Chafer.

September: 14th Bob Longmore, Mellida Frost; 18th Ishita Ratnaparkhi; 30th Wanda Frantom

**Sign-up sheet circulated:** Kardinya Spring Show Roster 28 to 31 August. Members were requested to fill in the roster, not just show up at the venue unannounced, to assist with our planning.

**Meeting Item:** Brian Klepzig, Neutrog. Brian gave an informative and entertaining talk about the Neutrog range of products.

Brian gave everyone a booklet about the company and a free sample of one or more Neutrog products, and urged members to contact him directly if they have any questions about Neutrog products. (brian@neutrog.com.au)

**Show and Tell:** Lynn showed a few items purchased during a recent orchid holiday to Borneo: her T-shirt featuring an image *Phalaenopsis bellina*, the state flower of Sarawak; a fridge magnet featuring an image of *Rafflesia arnoldii*, the state flower of Sabah; and some beautiful clay pots. Lynn obtained the pots at the marketplace section of the Asia-Pacific Orchid Conference in Kuching, for less than \$1 each.

**Minutes:** Moved Margaret seconded carried that the Minutes of the July General Meeting (in bulletin) be accepted. Carried.

#### **Correspondence:**

- From OrchidsWA, Audit reports for year ending June 30, other financial reports and materials for next OrchidsWA meeting.
- To Albany OS, thanking for efforts to organise ISDOW
- From AOC, items for AGM
- From Rose Dohnt, advising that her father Albert Reed, had passed away.
- Invoice to OrchidsWA for ISODW sponsorship (\$250)
- From Howard Tan, re passing of Faye Patfield, and Lynn Brooks, re passing of Peter Kissell's wife Judy.
- From T Watkinson, to advise that individuals should not be rocking up to Tropical Colours to buy orchids.
- From Neutrog, forms for next bulk order. (*M Baker to send form to Rosemary to check*).
- Exchange with Coralie Hills (AOC), re club details for renewal of our Association Liability Insurance.
- From Helen Stretch, flask lists for Spring Orchid Fair (*emailed to members*).
- Noelene Barnes (Bentley Park Gardens Interest Group) requesting guest speaker (*declined*)
- Responses to general email and Facebook enquiries from members of the public.

- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

**Financial Report:** Presented by K Bayliss.

Moved K Bayliss, seconded P Kissell that the Financial Report be received. Carried.

**Reports:**

- **ISDOW** (C Rogasch): Terrific show put on by Albany, OSWA did remarkably well. Paph Study group won the best display, OSWA won the Challenge (benched plant judging; prize was a shiny chrome hub-cap). Courtney thanked all who donated plants or took them down to Albany and helped out with the OSWA campaign.
- **Floraplant Nursery visit** (T Burnett): Many members attended, many plants were brought. It was agreed that Trevor should organise another visit next year.

**General Business:**

- **Kardinya Spring Show:** 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August, set up Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August from 5.30 pm.
- **Courtney & Val Rogasch home visit.** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 10:00 am. Members were requested to not park on Courtney's street verge. Sausage sizzle will be supplied. Donations of sweets would be appreciated.
- **New incentivised Monthly Meeting judging.** To encourage members to bring more plants on the show bench, we will run a trial from Sept GM until the end of 2020. If successful, the scheme will become a regular annual process.
- **New Orchiata bark order planned**
- **Neutrog order to be delivered in October, orders + payments needed by September GM.**
- **From Committee:** Members were reminded about the suggestion box.

**Raffle:** J Krishan, H Stretch, R McIntosh. Thank you for Lynn for donation of an authentic Sabahan fridge magnet raffle prize.

**Badge Prize:** K Bayliss

**Popular Vote Open:** *Oncidium* Opalescent, owner H Stretch. Grows in antispiral pots under cream 75% shade cloth. Bought from R Taylor in 2018. Fertilised with Strike Back for Orchids, grown in Profit coco fibre.

**Popular Vote Novice:** *Dendrobium* unknown, owner Natalia. From Tropical Colours 2.5 years ago. \$7. Cheap. Grown in orchiata bark in hanging basket, fertilised with slow release fertiliser. Little bit of garden lime. As advised, did not cut off older stems. Flowers come off older stems. As advised at a previous meeting, watered only sparingly, watered again after flowers started to develop. Lots of flowers, only two keikis. Ray grows his in full rain with no fertiliser, as does John Carless, and both get lots of flowers.

**Thank you:** to everyone who donated food for supper, brought in plants, helped with setup etc.

**Meeting closed at:** 9:30 pm.

### MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (August 2019)

**OPEN**

1C	(1)	1	Howard Tan	<i>Rhyncolaeliocattleya</i> Drumbeat Triumph
1F	(1)	1	Tara Peters	<i>Cattleya</i> Makai 'Mayumi'
2C	(1)	1	Helen Stretch	<i>Cymbidium</i> Mem. Dean Roesler 'Kaleba'
2E	(2)	1	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Cymbidium</i> Sarah Jean 'Vapour'
		2	Peter Kissell	<i>Cymbidium</i> Sarah Jean
3A	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum philippinense</i>
3C	(3)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Yi Ying Morning Sun
		2	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Gael Camira
		3	Tara Peters	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> unknown
3D	(3)	1	Howard Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Nara So
		2	Peter Kissell	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Baroness Byford 'Betty'
		3	Peter Kissell	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Highland Fair x World Venture
6D	(3)	1	Helen Stretch	<i>Oncidium</i> Opalescent
		2	Ray Taylor	<i>Oncidium</i> Opalescent 'On the Edge'
		3	Tara Peters	<i>Aliceara</i> Snowblind 'Sweet Spots'
8A	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Dendrobium speciosum</i>
8B	(2)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Dendrobium</i> Brimbank Gold
		2	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Dendrobium</i> Winston Hills 'Ellen'
11A	(3)	1	Howard Tan	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Sorcerer's Apprentice
		2	Ray Taylor	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Nicholle Tower 'Delightful'
		3	Ray Taylor	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Chuck Acker
12	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Yi Ying Fire Fox x Enzan Rose Crown

**NOVICE**

15A	(2)	1 Harry Ashton 2 Lynn Brooks	<i>Laelia anceps</i> <i>Epidendrum elongatum</i>
15C	(1)	1 Valerie Cooper	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> San Yan Ruby 'Grand Dragon'
15F	(2)	1 Lynn Brooks 2 Enid Chevla	<i>Sergioara</i> Yokosuka Story <i>Epidendrum</i> unknown
16D	(1)	1 Nataliya Kulchytska	<i>Cymbidium</i> Betty Court
17D	(3)	1 Jacqui Bateman 2 Jacqui Bateman 3 Margaret Rathbone	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Wyld Court <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Wyld Court <i>Paphiopedilum</i> unknown
18E	(1)	1 Nataliya Kulchytska	<i>Dendrobium</i> unknown
19C	(2)	1 Yen 2 Yen	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown <i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown
20D	(1)	1 Lynn Brooks	<i>Degarmoara</i> Olympia 'Jacqui Louise'
22B	(2)	1 Valerie Cooper 2 Harry Ashton	<i>Dendrobium</i> Bronson <i>Peristerchilus</i> Cherub

**POPULAR VOTE****OPEN**

Helen Stretch

*Oncidium* Opalescent**NOVICE**

Natalia

*Dendrobium* unknown**SCHOKMAN TROPHY (Laeliinae)**

Howard Tan

*Rhyncolaeliocattleya* Drumbeat Triumph  
72 points**JIM GRANTHAM MEMORIAL  
TROPHY (Phragmipedium)**

Howard Tan

*Phragmipedium* Sorcerer's Apprentice  
74 points**Corrections**

In the monthly results section in the August Bulletin, the Novice Popular Vote winner information was incorrect. The winner was actually Enid Chelva, with her *Cymbidium* Gene Siskell "Daddy Longlegs". Thank you to Ray Taylor for alerting me to the error. Also (it was not a good month), the Jim Grantham Memorial Trophy section winner was listed as Margaret Rathbone. *Phragmipedium* Nicholle Tower "Delightful" actually belongs to Ray Taylor. (Observant readers of the bulletin will have recognised this error, because that orchid regularly features in the monthly competition results). Apologies to Enid, Ray, and Margaret for these errors.

Helen's *Oncidium* OpalescentLynn's *Sergioara* Yokosuka Story

## Results of the OSPA Spring Show, Kardinya Park Shopping Centre, August 2019.

Champion Cymbidium	<i>Cymbidium</i> Khan Flame "Meka"	Courtney Rogasch
Best Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Cattleya</i> Unknown	Malcolm Davis
Best Paphiopedilum	<i>Paphiopedilum delatanii</i>	Ray Taylor
Best Australian Native	<i>Dendrobium</i> Brimbank Gold	Ray Taylor
Best Oncidinae	<i>Oncidium</i> Opalescent	Helen Stretch
Best Vandaeae	<i>Angraceum sesquipedale</i>	Ian Duncan
Best Phalaenopsis Harold Hill Memorial Trophy	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Unknown	Lynn Brooks
Best Any Other Genera	<i>Zygopetalum crinitum</i>	Courtney Rogasch
Grand Champion	<i>Angraceum sesquipedale</i>	Ian Duncan
Reserve Champion	<i>Zygopetalum crinitum</i>	Courtney Rogasch
Best Species	<i>Angraceum sesquipedale</i>	Ian Duncan
Best Australian Native Species	<i>Dendrobium speciosum</i>	Ray Taylor
Best Australian Native Hybrid	<i>Dendrobium</i> Brimbank Gold	Ray Taylor
Best Specimen	<i>Zygopetalum crinitum</i>	Courtney Rogasch
Best Specimen Australian Native J & C Sullivan Trophy	<i>Dendrobium</i> Colonial Surprise X Aussie Springtime X Kim	Malcolm Davis
Best Cymbidium Seedling Tom Dixon Memorial Trophy	<i>Cymbidium</i> Gladys Whitsell "The Chalmer" X Lunakira "Kewdale"	Courtney Rogasch
Best Pure Colour Cymbidium W & N L Janney Trophy	<i>Cymbidium</i> One Tree Hill "John's Quest"	Rosemary McGrath
Best Novice Entry	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Unknown	Lynn Brooks
Best Floral Entry	Arrangement in a Container	Meg Donald



Ian's  
*Angraceum sesquipedale*



Ray's *Dendrobium speciosum*



*Join us for the 2019 OSWA*

# CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thursday Evening, November 14th  
Dinner at 6:30pm  
Bentley Pines, Hayman Road Bentley  
(BYO unavailable)

Limited places  
\$25 Payable by the October General Meeting  
By cash to Harry/Kirsty or bank transfer to:  
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